

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A method of generating license information ~~attached to~~ of encrypted digital contents information which is encrypted by encryption key information, the license information and indicating whether the encrypted digital contents information is officially copied contents information which is copied under a right for selling the contents information or privately copied contents information which is copied without a right for selling the contents information, comprising:

encrypting the encryption key information by information dependent on a predetermined recording medium on which the encrypted digital contents information is recorded; and

determining whether the license information indicates that the encrypted digital contents information is officially copied contents information; and

performing a digital signature processing to the an encrypted the encryption key information if the digital contents information is the officially copied contents information when it is determined that the license information indicates that the encrypted digital contents information is officially copied contents information.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 11, further comprising:

encrypting utilization condition information of the encrypted digital contents information, the utilization condition information including effective date information and effective number of times information by the information dependent on the ~~predetermined~~ recording medium.

Claims 13-15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (New): The method according to claim 11, wherein the performing a digital signature processing comprises performing a signature with a secret key information of a public key encryption system (page 32, line 25 to page 33, line 21 and page 37, lines 19-22).

Claim 17 (New): The method according to claim 11, wherein the license information includes utilization condition information including effective date information and effective number of times information, the utilization condition information of the privately copied contents information being more restricted than the utilization condition information of the officially copied contents information.

Claim 18 (New): The method according to claim 11, wherein the license information includes information indicating whether or not the contents information is original contents information which is compressed but is not encrypted.

Claim 19 (New): A license information generation device configured to generate license information of digital contents information which is encrypted by encryption key information, the license information indicating whether the encrypted digital contents information is officially copied contents information which is copied under a right for selling the contents information or privately copied contents information which is copied without a right for selling the contents information, comprising:

an encryption device configured to encrypt the encryption key information by information dependent on a recording medium on which the encrypted digital contents information is recorded;

means for determining whether the license information indicates that the encrypted digital contents information is officially copied contents information; and

a digital signature processing device configured to process the encrypted encryption key information and produce a digital signature when it is determined that the license information indicates that the encrypted digital contents information is officially copied contents information.

Claim 20 (New): The license information generation device according to claim 19, further comprising:

an encryption device configured to encrypt utilization condition information of the encrypted digital contents information, the utilization condition information including effective date information and effective number of times information by the information dependent on the recording medium.

Claim 21 (New): The license information generation device according to claim 19, wherein the digital signature processing device is configured to perform a signature with a secret key information of a public key encryption system.

Claim 22 (New): The license information generation device according to claim 19, wherein

the license information includes utilization condition information including effective date information and effective number of times information, the utilization condition information of the privately copied contents information being more restricted than the utilization condition information of the officially copied contents information

Claim 23 (New): The license information generation device according to claim 19, wherein

the license information includes information indicating whether or not the contents information is original contents information which is compressed but is not encrypted.